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1. DEPT RELAYED SUBSTANCE OF REFTTEL A TO UNIVERSITY FOR COMMENT. INITIAL REACTION WAS SURPRISE. DR. SCHILLING HAS SINCE RETURNED TO US AND TOGETHER WITH UNIVERSITY HAS SENT DEPT BACKGROUND INFO FOR POST TO DRAW ON IN DISCUSSIONS WITH GOI OFFICIALS.
2. DR. SCHILLING ACKNOWLEDGES HE WAS AT FAULT IN FAILING TO SECURE NECESSARY CLEARANCE FOR LAND SAMPLING PROGRAM. ALSO A MAJOR SCIENTIFIC PAPER WAS NOT SENT TO NRC BEFORE PUBLICATION. DR. SCHILLING ADMITS TO DISAPPOINTMENT OVER SLOW EXCHANGE OF SAMPLES.
3. HOWEVER SINCE HIS INITIAL TRIP TO ICELAND (NRC CLEARED ON JULY 25, 1967) WHEN DR. SCHILLING DID NOT KNOW ANY

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ICELANDIC SCIENTISTS, HE HAS SOUGHT AND MAINTAINED CON-

TACTS WITHIN LOCAL SCIENTIFIC COMMUNITY. IN THIS HE HAS BEEN VERY SUCCESSFUL. THE LAND PROGRAMS CARRIED OUT ON HIS SECOND VISIT IN 1971 WAS DISCUSSED AND WORKED OUT WITH DRS. HARALDUR SIGURDSSON AND SIGURDUR STEINTHORSSON. THIS CLOSE COOPERATION, AND WHAT HE FELT WAS A QUITE GENERAL CLEARANCE IN 1967, LED HIM TO OVERLOOK THE NEED FOR NRC APPROVAL. DR. SIGURDSSON CALLED HIS ATTENTION TO THIS LAPSE DURING SCHILLING'S MOST RECENT VISIT OF THIS YEAR WHEN SCHILLING WORKED WITH SIGURDSSON IN THE FIELD AND HAD CONTACTED GUDMUNDUR SIGVALDSON ON THIS WORK AS WELL. HE IMMEDIATELY REQUESTED NRC CLEARANCE ON JUNE 21 AT THE SAME TIME EXPLAINING THE SITUATION AND APOLOGIZING FOR NOT HAVING APPROACHED THEM SOONER.

4. AS REGARDS PUBLICATION, ALTHOUGH NOT SENT TO NRC AS REQUIRED, A COPY OF THE MANUSCRIPT WAS CIRCULATED TO ALL FOLLOWING: (AND COMMENTS REQUESTED FROM SOME) SIGURDUR STEINTHORSSON, SIGURDUR THORARINSSON, GUDMUNDUR PALMASON, GUDMUNDUR SIGVALDASON AND SVEINN JAKOBSSON PRIOR TO PUBLICATION. DEPT ALSO NOTES GOI SPECIAL REPRINT NO. 13 QUOTE REGULATIONS AFFECTING FOREIGN SCIENTISTS AND EXPLORERS IN ICELAND UNQUOTE DOES NOT MENTION CLEARANCE, BUT RATHER MERELY ASKS NRC BE SUPPLIED WITH COPIES.

5. AS FOLLOWUP TO 1971 R/V TRIDENT CRUISE DRS. SCHILLING, STEINTHORSSON AND DEBOEV (LATTER WITH WESLEYAN UNIV.) AGREED TO A COOPERATIVE EFFORT INVOLVING EXCHANGE OF A NUMBER OF SAMPLES. THIS HAS BEEN SLOW, SOME SAMPLES EVIDENTLY LOST IN MAIL BETWEEN DEBOER'S AND SCHILLING'S LABS. STEINTHORSSON HAS BEEN KEPT INFORMED OF PROGRESS.

6. UNIVERSITY OF RHODE ISLAND AND DR. SCHILLING APOLOGIZE FOR FAILURE TO STAY STRICTLY WITHIN GOI REGULATIONS ON SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH. HOWEVER THEY FEEL THERE CAN BE NO CRITICISM CONCERNING LACK OF COOPERATIVE SPIRIT ON PART OF DR. SCHILLING AND UNIVERSITY. AS EXAMPLE IN EARLY FEB. 1973, SCHILLING WROTE STEINTHORSSON OUTLINING WORK OF R/V TRIDENT PLANNED FOR 1973. COPIES WENT TO SVEINBJORN BJORNSSON, TRAUSTI EINARSSON, SVEINN JAKOBSSON, LEO KRISTJANSSON, GUDMUNDUR PALMASON, KRISTJAN SAEMUNDSSON, UNCLASSIFIED

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HARALDUR SIGURDSSON, THORBJORN SIGNURGEIRSSON, GUDMUNDUR SIGVALDASON AND SIGURDUR THORARINSON (ABOVE BELONG TO INSTITUTIONS MENTIONED REF C). A LARGE PORTION OF CRUISE TR 140, AKUREYRI TO REYKJAVIK SCHEDULED AUGUST 10 THRU 26, WAS DELIBERATELY LEFT OPEN TO ACCOMMODATE SUCH SUITABLE PROGRAMS AS THEY MIGHT PROPOSE. WHILE THERE HAS BEEN FURTHER CORRESPONDENCE, LITTLE OF A CONCRETE NATURE HAS DEVELOPED.

7. DEPT HOPES THIS LARGELY ANSWERS REQUEST OF REF B FOR ASSURANCES OF CLOSER COOPERATION. AS MENTIONED PARA 3 DR. SCHILLING HAS ALREADY TAKEN STEPS TO STRICTLY ADHERE TO GOI REGULATIONS ON RESEARCH. CRUISE LEADERS WILL READILY MEET WITH GOI OFFICIALS UPON R/V TRIDENT'S ARRIVAL. RUSH

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